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Joint Informational Release

COVID 19 is an issue that has impacted all members of our community, young and old alike in some way or another. We understand much of the frustration and anxiety individuals are feeling surrounding the pandemic and different aspects of the "Safer at Home Order". We also realize this has affected everyone a bit differently and individual views on it differ greatly. With that being said, we don't know to what extent each of your lives have been impacted since it may look different for each of us. What we would ask of all of you is to consider how both your actions and statements may affect others during this very difficult time.

As we stated at the release of the original "Safer at Home Order", our approach has been and will continue to be to help educate, help clarify questions relating to the order, consult with the proper governing authority, and evaluate each complaint on a case-by-case basis. To date, Door County Law Enforcement agencies have received numerous calls from individuals with questions and we have received 18 formal complaints regarding possible violations, each complaint was investigated and to date, no citations have been issued, nor have there been any referrals to the District Attorney's Office for criminal prosecution.

All members of Door County Law Enforcement have taken an oath and are sworn to uphold the U.S. and Wisconsin Constitutions and to enforce federal, state, and local laws. To uphold the oath means that we will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of each agency to the best of our abilities.

Please know, during this time of uncertainty for individuals and families, we will do our best to offer the services and support our community needs. We appreciate the willingness of our citizens to voluntarily comply with the orders and recommendations of the various agencies overseeing this unprecedented health emergency, and for doing their part to help our community navigate through this difficult time.

Stay healthy, keep in contact with those in your life who may be vulnerable during this time, and offer assistance to get them resources they may need. One thing we know for sure, Door County is a strong community and we will get through this together.

Sheriff Tammy Stenard
Chief Arleigh Porter
District Attorney Colleen Nordin